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**INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2001-3** 

DATE:

February 2, 2001

TO:

ALL IDAHO HOSPITALS

FROM:

DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief

Bureau of Facility Standards

SUBJECT:

WAIVER REVOCATION

Please accept the enclosed letter as official notification that the waiver to IDAPA 16.03.14.330.04 c.iii, previously issued on May 26, 2000, is rescinded effective January 2, 2001. The above-referenced licensing rule, which requires that verbal or telephone orders be signed by the prescriber within 24 hours, is again in effect.

Also, please accept my apology, as the state rule reference in the enclosed letter is incorrectly stated. The correct reference is the one noted above.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Sylvia Creswell, Non-Long Term Care Supervisor, at (208) 334-6626 or via e-mail at creswsa@mmis.state.id.us.

Thank you for your cooperation and compliance

DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief

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DR/nah Enclosure

cc:

Idaho Hospital Association



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December 13, 2000

Steve Millard, President Idaho Hospital Association P O Box 1278 Boise, ID 83701-1278

Re: Waiver of IDAPA 16.03 143.30.04 c iii

Dear Mr. Millard: 5000

This letter is to follow up our telephone conversation of Friday December 8, 2000, regarding the status of the waiver to IDAPA 16.03.143.30.04 c iii granted May 26, 2000.

The Department granted this waiver anticipating that a rule change would be approved by the Board of Health and Welfare. On November 15, 2000, the Board of Health and Welfare heard testimony from the Department and the Idaho Hospital Association on the recommendation to change the rule. After considerable debate, the Board tabled a decision on this action pending additional information to be presented at their next Board meeting in February, 2001.

In light of the Board's strong opposition to the proposed rule change and the Board's statutory authority to approve rules, it would not be appropriate to continue the waiver. The Department recognizes that notification of interested parties requires time, therefore the waiver is revoked effective January 2, 2001.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Creswell, BSW, Supervisor, Non-Long Term Care or me at (208) 334-6626

Sincerely,

Debby Ransom, RN, RHIT

Bureau Chief

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cc: Joseph R. Brunson, Administrator, Division of Medicaid Sylvia Creswell, BSW, Supervisor, Non-Long Term Care

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